

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>Authorization to enter into contracts ten (10) organizations to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety.</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Community Programs Department</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SYNOPSIS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL IMPACT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACKGROUND</b></p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contracts with ten (10) organizations to provide Community Violence Reduction Services and Programs to the residents of Little Rock in an effort to reduce community violence and increase public safety.</p> <p>The contracts will not exceed \$200,000.00 per program, and the term of the contract shall be twelve (12) months, from March 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023. Funds for these programs are from the 2022 PIT Allocation, Account No. 108159-S15C377.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>There has been an increase in criminal activity over the course of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the City will respond to the Public Health Emergency by providing a Day Labor Program in Qualified Census Tracts, particularly Wards 1, 2, 6, and 7, in an effort to increase positive outcomes and the overall quality of life for the children, youth, and families residing within the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p>	

**BACKGROUND  
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Bid No. 1488 requested applications for Community Violence Prevention Services that would become a part of the Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Programs. Ten (10) applications met the minimum score for funding consideration, and the Review Committee selected the following organizations:

- A. Conflict Resolution/Anger Management:
  - Arkansas Community Dispute Resolution Centers, Inc.
  - Unity Martial Arts
- B. Hospital-Based Intervention:
  - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
- C. Life Skills and/or Workforce Readiness:
  - Brandon House Cultural Arts
  - Restore Hope
- D. Mental Health & Wellness:
  - Boys & Girls Clubs of Central AR
  - Our House
- E. Prevention of Criminal Activity through Violence Intervention:
  - Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Arkansas
  - Songbird Multimedia
  - Lessons Learned